Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 DAR ES 01853 071035Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
----------071039Z 071159 /12
O 070845Z MAY 77 ZFF4
FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 4918
AMEMBASSY LONDON NIACT IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 1853

EXDIS

LONDON FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, RH, OVIP (MONDALE, VICE PRESIDENT WALTER)
SUBJECT: VORSTER-MONDALE MEETING

REF: STATE 099560

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO SECRETARY FROM FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA HANDED OVER BY FOREIGN MINISTRY NOON SATURDAY 7 MAY. THIS IS RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S LETTER TO MKAPA (REFTEL)

BEGIN TEXT
HIS EXCELLENCY
CYRUS VANCE,
SECRETARY OF STATE,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
WASHINGTON.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY OF STATE,

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF 3RD MAY, 1977 CONCERNING THE FORTHCOMING CONTACTS IN VIENNA BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND MR. VORSTER. I WRITE TO SAY
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 DAR ES 01853 071035Z

HOW VERY MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL GESTURE OF LETTING ME KNOW OF THESE CONTACTS AHEAD OF OFFICIAL RELEASE OF THE NEWS.

LET ME SAY THAT I AM ENCOURAGED AT THIS POINT IN TIME BY THE STAND OF YOUR GOVERNMENT ON THE QUESTION OF MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE NEED TO BRING TO

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

A SPEEDY END THE INHUMAN SYSTEM OF APARTHEID AND COLONIA-
LISM IN THAT PART OF OUR CONTINENT. I HAVE NOTED WITH
GREAT SATISFACTION YORU GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC COMMITMENT
TO WORK FOR THIS TO COME BY.

MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN
PLAY A SIGNIFICANT PART IN PROMOTING FEEDOM, INDEPENDENCE
AND POLITICAL JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE ECONOMIES
AND POLITICAL REGIMES IN THIS REGION HAVE HISTORICAL LINKS
WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES. AND IN THE WESTERN WORLD, UNIED
STATES COUNSEL IS NOT EASILY IGNORED.

IN DIFFERENT WAYS OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE APPLYING
PRESSURES ON THE REGIMES IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH
AFRICA FOR CHANGE IN THE DIRECTION OF LIBERATION ON THE
BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE. I CONSTRUE VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE'S
FORTHCOMING TALKS AS PART OF THIS PRESSURE, AND WOULD HOPE
THAT THEY WOULD PERSUADE MR. VORSTER TO THE IMPERATIVE
NEED FOR HIS REGIME TO ABANDON ITS POLICY OF APARTHEID AND
COLONIALISM.

THE CORNERSTONE OF THE SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIAN
QUESTION IS UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385.
IT IS FOR ME REASSURING THAT CURRENT EFFORTS AT SPEEDING UP
THE SOLUTION ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF
THIS RESOLUTION, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE MADE IN
THE SPIRIT OF THE RESOLUTION THEY DESERVE THE SUPPORT OF
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

THE TREE PROBLEMS OF THE THREE COUNTRIES IN SOUTHERN
AFRICAN ARE A CONSTANT PREOCCUPATION. BUT AS DEVELOPMENTS
IN ONE OR THE OTHER OF THESE TERRITORIES OCCUR AND
INITIATIVES ARE UNDERTAKEN, THERE IS THE RISK OF THE
PROBLEMS OF ONE OR TWO OF THEM BEING RELEGATED FARTHER INTO
THE BACKGROUND. THIS WOULD BE UNDERSTANDABLE BUT WRONG.
I AM HAPPY THEREFORE THAT IN HIS TALKS WITH MR. VORSTER,
VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL BE TAKING UP SIMULTANEOUSLY
THE ISSUES OF RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF.

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT
YOU CAN COUNT ON MY RESPECTING THE SENSITIVITY OF THESE
EXCHANGES. ON THE OBJECTIVE OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS,
OF FREEDOM WITH JUSTICE, AND OF INDEPENDENCE IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA, WE ARE AGREED. I SEE THAT MR. VORSTER IS A KEY
FACTOR IN THE RESOLUTION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS;
HE AND HIS REGIME ARE THE POINT OF CONVERGENCE OF OUR
SPEARATE AND SOMETIMES JOINT EFFORTS TO THE RESOLUTION OF
THE PROBLEMS IN THE REGION.

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

ONCE AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMUNICATION. IN THIS REGARD, I SHALL BE HAPPY TO MEET AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN MAPUTO.

YOURS SINCERELY,

BENJAMIN MKAPA

END TEXT.
LEVIN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TEXT, VISITS, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 07-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977DARES01853
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770160-1148
Format: TEL
From: DAR ES SALAAM
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770582/aaaactdj.tel
Line Count: 126
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 4ca00799-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 77 STATE 99560
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2609301
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VORSTER-MONDALE MEETING
TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, PSDC, RH, US, (MONDALE, WALTER F), (VORSTER, BALTHAZAR JOHANNES), (VANCE, CYRUS R), (MKAPA, BENJAMN)
To: STATE LONDON
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/4ca00799-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009